FAT-Pointer based range addresses

AKILAN SELVACOUMAR, Heriot Watt University, UK

The gap between application workloads and capacity of TLB is on the rise. Previous work exploits this by physically contiguous memory. Capability-based addressing in the CHERI architecture is designed to improve hardware-level system security. These security mechanisms designed in place can also behave as accelerators to standard user-space memory allocators. The property of CHERI which is to use FAT-Pointers to store the upper and lower bounds can also be represented as ranges of memory addresses which are physically contiguous. <Talking about the results>.

CCS Concepts: • **Do Not Use This Code** → **Generate the Correct Terms for Your Paper**; *Generate the Correct Terms for Your Paper*; Generate the Correct Terms for Your Paper.

Additional Key Words and Phrases: Do, Not, Us, This, Code, Put, the, Correct, Terms, for, Your, Paper

ACM Reference Format:

Akilan Selvacoumar. 2018. FAT-Pointer based range addresses. J. ACM 37, 4, Article 111 (August 2018), 1 page. https://doi.org/XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

1 RELATED WORK

1.1 Huge Pages

This is used to map a very large region of memory to a single entry. This small/large region of memory is physically contiguous. Most implementations of huge pages are size aligned, For example for the x86 architecture the huge pages size are 4KB, 2MB and 1GB pages.

1.2 TLB coalescing

This leverages the default OS allocator behavior to pack multiple PTEs into a single TLB entry.

1.3 Segment

A segment can be viewed as mapping between contiguous virtual memory and contiguous physical memory. The property of a segment allows it to be larger than a page. Direct Segment cpaper reference allows the user to set a single segment for an application. Two registers are added to mark the start and end of the segment. Any virtual address within this region can be translated by adding the fixed offset between the virtual and physical address.

1.4 RMM

RMM introduces the concept of adding an additional range table. For large allocations RMM eagerly allocates contiguous physical pages. The following allocations creates large memory ranges that are both virtually and physically contiguous. RMM builds on the concept of Direct segment paper reference> by adding offset to translate a virtual address to physical address. RMM compares

Author's address: Akilan Selvacoumar, as251@hw.ac.uk, Heriot Watt University, UK.

Permission to make digital or hard copies of all or part of this work for personal or classroom use is granted without fee provided that copies are not made or distributed for profit or commercial advantage and that copies bear this notice and the full citation on the first page. Copyrights for components of this work owned by others than the author(s) must be honored. Abstracting with credit is permitted. To copy otherwise, or republish, to post on servers or to redistribute to lists, requires prior specific permission and/or a fee. Request permissions from permissions@acm.org.

© 2018 Copyright held by the owner/author(s). Publication rights licensed to ACM.

0004-5411/2018/8-ART111 \$15.00

111:2 Akilan Selvacoumar

address with range boundaries to decide which range it belongs to. RMM queries the range table ofter an L1 TLB miss.

1.5 FlexPointer

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To Robert, for the bagels and explaining CMYK and color spaces.

Received 20 February 2007; revised 12 March 2009; accepted 5 June 2009